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The ResearcherID Project: Unlocking Scholarly Identity to Support Research Communities

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Summary

Identity in Web communities is often self-created and fluid. It balances anonymity with self-expression and constantly changes to meet new tactical needs. Professional identity in scholarly communications has traditionally been stable and formulaic, defined by the allocation of credit in scholarly collaboration, academic reward, and publication. Thomson Reuters has created www.researcherid.com as an environment for exploring the relationship between open Web environments and professional academic identity. It enables researchers to create stable, persistent professional profiles with personal publication records that can easily be shared, integrated and embedded into research communities. This presentation reports on our experience to date and proposes lessons for the future.

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